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STATEMENT OF ROY EDWARD HARRIS

Today's date is May 7, 1997. The following is a voluntary statement from Roy Edward Harris. The location is the District Attorney's Office in Winona, Mississippi. This statement is given to myself, John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's Office. This statement is also witnessed by Melinda Bingham.

Johnson: Mr. Harris, again today is May 7, 1997, but I want to point out that you came down here several weeks ago to give me a statement. Is that correct?

Harris: Yes

Johnson: You have a real bad hearing problem.

Harris: Right.

Johnson: I was unable to understand you and you understand my questions, and today I understand that you went to Grenada and you got a hearing aid that aids you in being able to hear.

Harris: Yes.

Johnson: What I want to do is direct your attention back to July 16, 1996, and ask did you have a reason to be in the downtown area in Winona? What were you doing and who was with you?

Harris: I was going...I come down through here, I turned and went across the railroad track to the church back there.

Johnson: Did you not go down south Front Street in front of Tardy's?

Harris: (Inaudible)...the first church down there on the left. That church right there.

Johnson: That is Church Street that comes through by the post office, but didn't you go downtown Front Street, like in front of Tardy Furniture Store?

Harris: Yes, Sir. I went downtown Front Street.

Johnson: What were you going downtown Front Street for?

Harris: The Clemmie was going to pay her furniture note.

Johnson: Clemmie Fleming was?

Harris: That is right.

Johnson: And you were giving her a ride.

Harris: That is right.

Johnson: Did you stop at Tardy's? Did she ask you to go on? Didn't you say that earlier?

Harris: That is right.

Johnson: And from there which way did you go?

Harris: I went to the top of the hill up there and

Johnson: Roy, let's back up. If you are going south on Front Street, down by Tardy's..

Harris: Yes, Sir, south.

Johnson: Right.

Harris: I got to the top of the hill up there at the Four-Way Stop, took a right.

Johnson: Before you went south on Church Street, you were going down Front Street. right in front of Tardy's? Then ya'll took a right there, did you not? Going down Carrollton Avenue toward church Street, right behind Tardy's?

Harris: Going right toward the four-way stop..

Johnson: Right, but first you went downtown Front Street like you were going to Tardy's, you said.

Harris: Like we were going down to the furniture place, but she told me to turn right.

Johnson: So you turned right.

Harris: I went down to the four-way stop and I took a left at the church.

Johnson: Behind the church?

Harris: That is right. Then went to the top of the hill at the next four-way stop.

Johnson: That is Powell Street.

Harris: I took another right there, then I kept straight on down to Hwy. 51 and I come back up there by Jeff's store.

Johnson: Well, over there on Church Street, was anything mentioned, anybody call somebody's name?

Harris: She said something about there goes Curtis Flowers. I didn't pay her no attention.

Johnson: Did you see him? You don't know that you recognized anybody, but you did see somebody?

Harris: I seen somebody but I did not know who it was. I had never seen Curtis Flowers.

Johnson: So you don't know Curtis Flowers.

Harris: Naw, Sir. Sure don't.

Johnson: And you don't know why she would have called his name, but she did call Curtis Flowers' name there about when ya'll turned south on Church Street?

Harris: That is right.

Johnson: You don't know what she was saying because you don't hear good at that time?

Harris: No, I didn't know that there had been no killing. I did not know it until that evening at two o'clock.

Johnson: Right, at that point you did not know anything about anything at two o'clock. You didn't have a hearing aid on that morning, did you?

Harris: Naw, Sir. sure didn't.

Johnson: But you did hear her say Curtis Flower's name that morning July 16, as you were giving her a ride down Church Street?

Harris: That is right, and when they said..I am talking about when they showed the picture on tv and then I got to asking people who was Curtis Flowers and they were telling about it. I said to myself, I told them, "Seems like to me I have heard that name before." I said, "Wo is it?" and they said that was Archie Flowers' son.

Johnson: O.K., but again, you don't know Curtis Flowers? You don't have anything against him or any of his family?

Harris: No.

Johnson: The time is now 3:39 P.M. That will conclude the statement.